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SUBJECT: YOUR FIRST MEETING WITH THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME

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1. WE CONCUR THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO SEEK A
MEETING WITH TARAKI AND A FEW OTHER CABINET MINISTERS
AFTER NOTE RESPONDING TO RECOGNITION REQUEST HAS BEEN
DELIVERED.

2. WE BELIEVE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THESE INITIAL HIGH
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LEVEL CONTACTS IS TO ALLOW YOU TO GAUGE NATURE OF NEW
REGIME AND OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR FOREIGN
AND DOMESTIC POLICIES AND THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US
AND COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

3. IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC POINTS, WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD
STRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL

INTEGRITY OF AFGHANISTAN AND OUR APPRECIATION FOR AFGHANIS-
TAN'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT WHICH HAS BEEN
REAFFIRMED BY THE TARAKI GOVERNMENT.

4. WITH REGARD TO AID WE THINK AT INITIAL MEETINGS YOU
SHOULD AVOID INITIATING ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR VARIOUS

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, YOU COULD
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE PRESENT US PROGRAMS AND STATE SIMPLY
THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS IF
THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN SO DESIRES. (FYI. YOU
WILL SOON RECEIVE IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM BACKGROUND
INFORMATION ON 620 (B) AND (F) PROVISION WHICH COULD
AFFECT FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN).

5. WITH REGARD TO NARCOTICS, WE DO NOT THINK YOU SHOULD
RAISE NARCOTICS IN INITIAL MEETING WITH TARAKI. AT THIS
STATE IT IS PREFERABLE TO LET UN TAKE THE LEAD IN NARCO-
TICS MATTERS AND HOPE YOU CAN ENCOURAGE UN OFFICIALS TO
RAISE ISSUE WITH GOA AT AN EARLY STAGE. CHRISTOPHER

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